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ZKZK PP ORA DE P 092000Z FM DIRNSA TO NSA/TANGO-ALFA ZEM ~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~ SECTION SEVEN OF SEVEN FINAL SECTION XXMMENP0-TB09051 CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/00/ [] R111-71 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC CONTINUED REFERENCES TO OPERATION \$LAM SON 720\$ WERE CONTAINED IN A 5 MAY MESSAGE. REPORTEDLY THE ARVN 54TH REGIMENT HAD ENTERED LAOS ON THAT DAY AND ITS 4TH BATTALION HAD MOVED TOWARD HIGH POINT (HP) 1078 (YD 1030, 16-20N 107-11E). ALSO, THERE WERE THREE ARVN BRIGADES--THE 258TH, THE 254TH AND THE 369TH-- IN THE AREA OF LONG THO, WHICH WENT INTO CAP BI (PROBABLY AP CO BI, YD 6025, 16-30N 107-26E) AND KHOC CA BO (PROBABLY COC A BO, YD 4018, 16-26N 107-51E). THE PROBABLE 7TH COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION OF BT 14, ON 7 MAY, NOTIFIED ITS SUBORDINATE COMMO-LIAISON STATIONS TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE A PILOT PRISONER WHO WAS BEING ESCORTED NORTHWARD BY TWO INFANTRY PERSONNEL OF BT 34. THE BATTALION ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO THE \$INTELLIGENCE OF THE UNITED STATES\$--POSSIBLY INDICATING THAT THE PRISONER IS THE \$INTELLIGENCE-TYPE\$ PERSONNEL EARLIER REPORTED CAPTURED. (2/00/VCJ/R238-71, 072130Z AND 2/00/VCJ/R239-71, 082130Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 4 THE FORWARD ELEMENT (06242), HQ, NVA 320TH DIVISION, MAY HAVE RETURNED TO NORTH VIETNAM TO JOIN ITS PARENT UNIT. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS THAT THE FORWARD ELEMENT MIGHT REDEPLOY NORTHWARD WERE NOTED IN EARLY MARCH WHEN THE FORWARD ELEMENT ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, MR 4. NO COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FORWARD ELEMENT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED SINCE 29 APRIL. THE FORWARD ELEMENT WAS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN QUANG BINH PROVINCE-LAOS BORDER AREA ON 24 APRIL, WITHIN 25 NAUTICAL MILES OF XE 0813 (17-18N 106-01E). AN ELEMENT OF THE NVA 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT REPORTED ON 8 MAY THAT ALLIED HELICOPTER CARRIES AND DESTROYERS WERE OPERATING 135 KM OFF THE COAST, PROBABLY OFF QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THIS REPORTING UNIT FURTHER PROVIDED AN NVA UNIT STRENGTH REPORT WHICH DISCLOSED THAT THE \$TOTAL STRENGTH IS 215 MEN, OF WHICH 182 ARE ON HAND.\$ THE REMAINING 33 MEN OF THE UNIT WERE REPORTEDLY ON VARIOUS OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS. (2/00/VCM/R146-71, 022140Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. [] COMMUNICATIONS CORRESPONDENCE ORIGINATED BY THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST SPECIAL DELEGATION IN PARIS AND ADDRESSED EXCLUSIVELY TO COSVN WAS NOTED ON 4 MAY IN RELAY FROM HANOI TO COSVN. THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WAS LAST NOTED ON 25 APRIL. (SEE COSVN COMMUNICATIONS, PART I, SECTION A.1 ABOVE) (3/00/ [] R102-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 500 XXHH 500 #3616 NNNH

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